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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

All students in Years 7 to 12 are expected to have their own personal device that they bring to school every day.

A signed 'Charter Agreement' form must be returned before they will be granted access to the school network.

There are two options available to families.

- Bring an existing device that you already own which meets (or exceeds) the school's minimum required hardware specifications (listed below).
- Purchase a new device from a vendor of your own choice which meets (or exceeds) the school's minimum required hardware specifications (listed below).

Microsoft Office is available free of charge by the Department for students to download.

As a general guide, the following minimum hardware requirements should be considered when exploring a new laptop.

- Device type: Windows PC Laptop only (Windows 11)
- Screen size: 14 or 15 inches is preferred (please avoid gaming machines).
- Processor: Intel B. Others are acceptable, so long as they can support a 6-hour battery life
- Graphics: Dedicated graphics card is recommended if running Autodesk or Adobe packages
- RAM: 8GB or higher
- Hard drive: 256GB or higher
- Wireless Capability: (Wi-Fi 802.11n / ac or better (5Ghz radio band))
- Ports: At least one USB port, audio in/out, VGA or HDMI
- Battery life: 6+ hours (usable time). Machines should be charged at home each evening.

We also strongly encourage you to organise damage and replacement insurance when you buy a new machine.

Additional details and information are available on the <https://calendsc.eq.edu.au/> website under the Curriculum > Bring your own device option > Bring your own device handbook. If you need additional support, please feel free to contact Tammy Fischer.

- **Please note: Laptops with higher specifications than those listed here would be required in subjects where Adobe Creative Cloud and/or Autodesk AutoCad are used.**
- **Windows 10 is currently capable of connection but is scheduled for end of support by Microsoft in October 2025. CDSC cannot guarantee these devices will continue to be usable after this time.**
- **Qualcomm, Pilot PC+ & snapdragon chips not supported.**
- **Android, Chrome OS, iPad, & Mac devices not supported.**
- **Families do not need to purchase any additional productivity, security or antivirus software with their device.**
- **Microsoft Office is provided free of charge and Windows Defender is inbuilt with Windows 10 and 11 platforms.**

If you have any questions or feedback, please feel free to contact Tammy Fischer either via email: tfisc9@eq.edu.au or via phone 4949 7333.

Yours faithfully

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Principal